

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, line 22 through page 3, line 7 as follows:

While the principle advantage and features of the present invention have been described above, a greater understanding and appreciation of the invention may be obtained by referring to the drawings and detailed description of the preferred embodiment, presented by way of example only, in which;

Figure 1 shows optical modules packaged in a metal or ceramic box,

Figure 2 shows the base plate with electrical tracks,

Figure 3 shows the base plate of figure 2 populated with components,

Figure 4 shows the cover plate with an aperture,

Figure 5 shows the cover plate of figure 4 with a ferrule attached,

Figure 6 shows the underside of the ferrule/cover plate assembly of figure 5,

Figure 7 shows the cover plate and base plate prior to assembly,

Figure 8 shows the module package assembly with a front optical connector and a rear electrical connector, and

Figure 9 shows an alternative electrical connection arrangement.